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Application of: *Duffy, et al.*

Patent No.: 5,941,846  
(Serial No.: 08/871,307)

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Date of Patent: August 24, 1999

Examiner: M. Mendez

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
POWER CONNECTION IN A  
MODULAR PATIENT CARE SYSTEM**

Attorney Docket No.: 8236-018-999

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.322**

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Sir:

We respectfully request issuance of a certificate of correction of a Patent and Trademark Office mistake in the above-reference patent. The attached form PTO-1050 specifies two corrections to be made:

- (1) at column 1, line 18 after "...patient care system", please add -- now U.S. Patent No. 5,836,910 --; and
- (2) in the claims, please cancel claims 19-27 (column 16, line 58 through column 18, line 59).

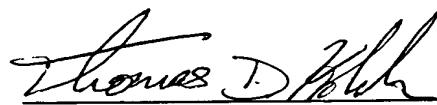
Both of these changes should have been made pursuant to an Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR § 1.312 which was filed January 25, 1999. A copy of the amendment is attached, along with a copy of the Response to Rule 312 Communication, dated February 22, 1999, evidencing that the Amendment After Allowance was entered into the patent record.

Because this mistake was incurred through the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office and is clearly disclosed by the records of the Office, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner issue a Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.322. No fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT NO. : 5,941,846

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 1, line 18, after "... Patient Care System," add – now U.S. Pat. No. 5,836,910 –

Column 16, line 58, thru Column 18, line 59, delete claims 19 - 27 (canceled per Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR § 1.312 filed January 25, 1999, and entered February 22, 1999.)

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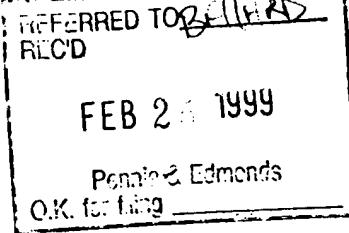
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The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

The amendment filed on Jan 25, 1999 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

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entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).

disapproved. See explanation below.

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